

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

April 19, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
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Schedule of Services:

Reconciliation

Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spanish
or by Appointment

Baptisms

Preparation for parents required:
See Pastor after Mass

Marriages

By appointment at least six months
in advance

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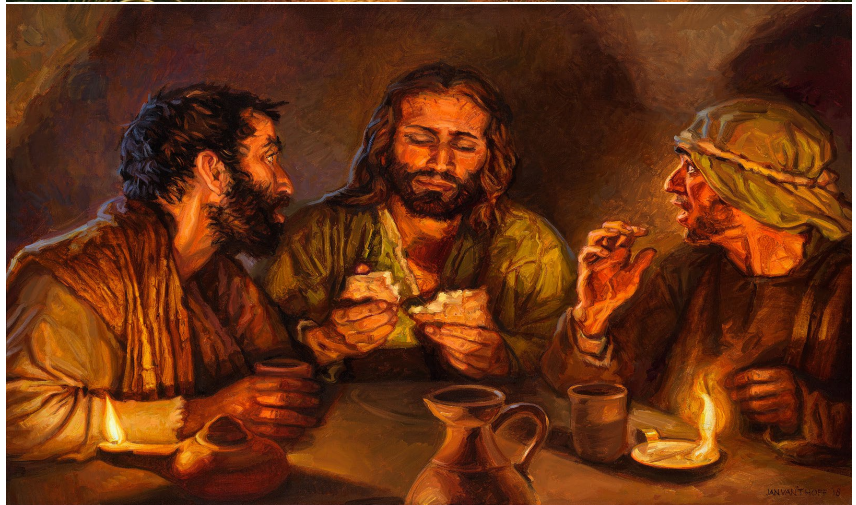
For those who are elderly, seriously
ill, or scheduled for surgery, please
call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 9:30 a.m. (English)
St. Joseph Church - Middletown 11:30 a.m. (English)
St. Joseph Church - Middletown 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

St. Joseph Church Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)
7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Mass, Our Journey to Emmaus with Jesus by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

The As we continue to celebrate Easter, our Gospel Reading (Luke 24:13-35) on this Third Sunday of Easter takes us back to the late afternoon of Easter Sunday. Two of Jesus' disciples, disillusioned by the death of Jesus, are leaving Jerusalem and are on their way to Emmaus. Their hope is gone despite the news of the empty tomb! While they are conversing and debating, Jesus approaches and walks with them, but they do not recognize Him. Jesus asks what they are talking about and they share the events surrounding the arrest, crucifixion, death and discovery of the empty tomb of Jesus, the people's hope to be the redeemer of Israel! In response to their confusion and despair, Jesus breaks open the Scriptures for them and interprets the necessity of the Christ having to suffer and die, in fulfillment of God's redemptive plan! Yes, even when we, like the two disciples, give up on Jesus in frustration and disappointment, He draws near, walks with us and gives us hope!

Undoubtedly, Jesus' words uplifted the two disciples because as they reach Emmaus, they urge Him to stay with them. Jesus agrees and while at table, He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks the bread and gives it to them! With that, their eyes are opened and they recognize Jesus, the Risen One ... then He vanishes from their sight! They say to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Thus, they race back to Jerusalem where they find the eleven and tell them what took place on the way to Emmaus and how they recognized the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread! Notably, our Gospel story provides a profound model of our Holy Mass, especially the two main parts! The encounter on the road to Emmaus parallels the Liturgy of the Word where we read God's Word in our Readings and listen to the interpretations and reflections at the homily. The meal at table with Jesus parallels the Liturgy of the Eucharist where we partake in the breaking of the bread, reflecting our recognition of the real presence of Jesus in our midst!

Indeed, in every Holy Mass we participate in, we relive our own eye-opening journey to Emmaus with Jesus as the two disciples did! And just as the two disciples rushed to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, so must we be spiritually fired up to go and share our Eucharistic experience with others!

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CONFIRMATION

April 24, 2026 5:00 p.m. - Practice with sponsors

April 25, 2026 4:00 p.m.- Confirmation

*Potluck Dinner to Welcome Bishop Vasa for the Confirmation on April 25 after the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph

*No Mass at Our Lady of the Lake on April 25 due to the Confirmation Schedule.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*St. Joseph Annual Banquet Fundraiser is scheduled for May 9. We are now collecting auction items at the office. Tickets available after mass or get your tickets in the office.

*There will be no coffee social in April. Instead, gather for the parish potluck after Confirmation on Saturday April 25.

*AMA - As of April 1 our pledges totaled \$12,035. Our goal is \$12,400. We are needing an additional \$365 in pledges to make our goal this year, anything over that amount will be returned to the parish. Thank you for your generosity!

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Donations are gratefully accepted! We invite you to join us in the story of the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Please pray for the sick in our parish, our families & friends, and those who care for them....Mary Ann Arnold, Tony Arnold, Charlotte Baker, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Kathleen Brune, Rick Freeman, Michael C, Corkey Cauley, Debbie Cariela, Barbara Farkas, Steve Foster, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Sandy Hood, Barbara Kaelin, Joe & Mary Ann Kenny, Helen Kruljac, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, John Morris, Don Nielsen, Kathryn Nielsen, Maxine Lair, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Kate Pavelchik, Elinor Rich, Grace Q, Maureen Rixen, Jim Serventi, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Rebeca Marie Stanley, Naomi Tamborini, Leslie Thomas, Rachel Torez, Toni Vecellio, and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

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Announcements continued...

***The Greg Conley Funeral will be held on Monday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake in Loch Lomond.**

***Collection envelopes for the diocese appeal for Catholic Home Missions are in the back of the churches and should be put into the collection basket this weekend.**

***Mass Time at Our Lady of the Lake will change from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23, 2026.**



Sunday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

Isabel Mondavi+ By: Peter & Pinky Ventura
Bryan Alverio(sp) By: Robert & Donna Alverio

Sunday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.

Susan & Ralph Gaekey++ By: Weiss Family

Friday, April 24, 8:30 a.m.

Ray Flaig+ By: Fernande Family

Announcements continued...

Launching of New Parish Directory...For all Parishioners of St. Joseph - please update your information using a form available in the back of the churches. New to our Parish - please complete a form and return to the office so that everyone will be included in the New Parish Directory. Remember to include your email address so you will be included in the mass email announcements. Forms can be returned by placing in the collection basket, put in the mail slot in the backdoor of the rectory, or mail to the office. **If you recently registered with the parish and requested envelopes, please check on the table in the front of the church for your box of envelopes. Call the office if you do not find them.*

COLLECTION – April 11 & 12

Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 p.m. - \$403

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$1669

St. Joseph 11:30 a.m. - \$632

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$326

Easter (late) - \$170

Total Collection \$3200

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